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SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT PLANS VISIT

TO HAWAIIAN AND CALIFORNIA STATE HOUSES

1. LUIS ALBERTO MONGE, PRESIDENT OF THE COSTA RICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY INTENDS TO LEAVE IN MID-DECEMBER FOR TAIWAN AT THE INVITATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA. MONGE WILL SPEND ROUGHLY A WEEK IN TAIWAN, THEN BRIEFLY VISIT HONG KONG AND JAPAN. ON THE RETURN LEG, HE WISHES TO SPEND UP TO TWO DAYS VISITING THE HAWAIIAN STATE LEGISLATURE WITH A SPECIAL EYE FOR THAT BODY'S COMMITTEE AND STAFF ORGANIZATION. AFTER VISITING HAWAII HE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO MAKE THE SAME KIND OF A SHORT VISIT TO THE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE IN SACRAMENTO.

2. MONGE'S PLANS ORIGINALLY WERE TO LEAVE ON DECEMBER 14, BUT AFTER BECOMING INTERESTED IN THE CALIFORNIA STOP IN ADDITION TO HAWAII HE DECIDED TO TRY TO MOVE HIS DEPARTURE FROM COSTA RICA BACK TO ABOUT DECEMBER 10. HIS FINAL PLANS IN THIS REGARD ARE NOT FIRM. HIS STOPS IN HAWAII AND CALIFORNIA WILL BE BETWEEN THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS HOLIDAYS. HE REALIZES THIS TIMING WILL FIND THE LEGISLATURES OUT OF SESSION, BUT EXPECTS THIS WILL NOT HINDER HIS VISITS IF HE CAN BE ASSIGNED A KNOWLEDGEABLE LEGISLATIVE STAFF OFFICIAL WHO CAN ANSWER HIS QUESTIONS. FURTHER DETAILS ON SPECIFIC DATES OF HIS VISIT WILL BE FORWARDED, BUT IN THE MEANTIME THE DEPT IS REQUESTED TO EXAMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF THE TWO STATE

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